

De/Du Priest Family

**THE De/Du PRIEST FAMILY
ELEVEN GENERATIONS IN AMERICA**

DESCENDANTS OF

**ROBERT DEPRESS(E) OF NEW KENT
County in the Colony of Virginia**

**WILLIAM OF GOOCHLAND
JOHN OF AMHERST & CAMPBELL,
NATHANIEL & CHARLES AUSTIN OF
LUNENBURG
JOHN FLINN & ROBERT FREDERICK
OF NOTTOWAY**

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What follows is the tracing of one line of the DePriest family with notes and references and, on occasion, details about collateral lines. Any errors are mine; information is tentative and remains open to correction or reinterpretation. Following the genealogy is a collection of essays on the family which I and others have written over the years, and then copies of documents that link the DePriest/DuPriest family to political and patriotic figures of different eras of the family's 300 year history in America.

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Background

Throughout the 16th century French Protestants, inspired by John Calvin, and who for not altogether clear reasons, came to be known as Huguenots, fled Catholic France for places more sympathetic to the new "religion reformed."

England and other areas of the British Isles were among those places which welcomed French Protestants, especially at first along the English and Irish Channels. Prior to 1550, a French congregation met for worship in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral, and in 1550 a French Protestant Church was established on Threadneedle Street in London.

In 1524 the French claimed Florida, which the Spanish had claimed in 1512, on an exploration undertaken by an Italian Giovanni de Verrazano, working for the French with a French

“gateway,” as it were, for French Protestants fleeing persecution and who might eventually end up in Scandinavia, the British Isles, Russia, or South Africa – as well as Massachusetts, New York, Virginia, North and South Carolina and elsewhere along the east coast.

A number of Huguenots settled in an around present day Charleston, South Carolina, a city which has an active Huguenot Church and which continues to commemorate its Huguenot heritage. Later, at the close of the 17th century, beginning in 1699, four ships with several hundred Huguenot passengers were sent to Virginia and given land surrounding a recently-abandoned Manakin Native Indian village west of present-day Richmond above the fall line on the south side of the James River.

The Manakin Town experiment -- arranged by various land speculators, including Dr. Coxe who wanted the French near the North Carolina border and William Byrd who wanted the French on his land near present-day Richmond -- was one of the most enterprising attempts at forming an actual colony within a colony, and parish within a parish of French Huguenots, totaling perhaps as many as 600 persons, counting those who came shortly before and after the 1699-1700 emigration.

The Manakin colony and King William Parish retained a somewhat discernable French identity for 50 years or so; but, as Huguenots elsewhere, were eventually assimilated into the prevailing British culture. Place names of roads, bridges, schools, plantations, cemeteries, Manakin Episcopal Church, the Manakin Huguenot Society, and scores of Huguenot surnames all serve as reminders of the Huguenot heritage in this section of greater Richmond, as do L’Eglise de Saint Esprit Episcopal Church in mid-town Manhattan in New York City, the Huguenot Street in New Paltz and the city of New Rochelle, NY, and The Huguenot Church of Charleston, SC.

While the Manakin Town settlement is well documented and Huguenot place names still dot the surrounding area, these Huguenots were by no mean the only or the earliest Frenchmen to settle in the Colony of Virginia. Other non-English-speaking

earliest Depriest we have a certain record of, Robert Depress(e), lived on the southern side of the Pamunkey River in New Kent Co.

Goochland (St. James' Northam Parish) was created from Henrico in 1727. Albemarle was created from Goochland and Louisa in 1744, and Amherst from Albemarle in 1761. Bedford was created from Albemarle and Lunenburg in 1753, and Campbell from Bedford in 1781/82. Amelia was created from Brunswick and Prince George in 1734, and Nottoway from Amelia in 1788/89. Nelson Co. was created from Amherst in 1808.

Depriest Family Origins

Because of the difficulties in pronunciation, mispronunciation and variant spellings of French names in colonial Virginia, what follows for the first generation of the depresse (Depriest) family may actually be a later generation with England or Virginia precedents. For this reason, alternatives for Generation I considered by several researchers are noted at the end(*).

years leading up to and during the War of Spanish Succession, 1703 - 1713.

Robert is noted several times in **St. Peter's Parish Vestry Book**, New Kent, Co., VA in the 1680s and 1690s and

on New Kent Co., Rent Roll of 1704 for 354 acres {100 to 200 designated a planter; 500 –1000 designated gentry}

Scholar Louis B. Wright surmises that Robert Beverley's **History and Present State of Virginia**, first published in 1705, was written in part to promote Virginia among French Protestants (see **A Blessed Company**, p. 451)

Robert Depriest's land was processioned in west Hanover (St. Paul's Parish), 24 Sep 1708 (Hanover Co. was created from New Kent in 1720)

Processionings, the periodic, vestry-ordered walking of the boundaries of personal property, were apparently social as well as legal events. In 1706 St. Peter's Vestry ordered that processioners "give timely notice," perhaps so that families could include children and make a day of it (**A Blessed Company**, p. 16).

Men of Matadequin by June Banks Evans:

Robt: Depresse is listed as an inhabitant of New Kent Co., VA on 4 May 1689 on southern side of Pamunkey River (The Pamunkey and Mattaponi merge to form the York River, and in the 1650s the colonists expanded into this heretofore Native Indian district known as Chickacoan), near the present-day boundaries of Hanover, New Kent, and King William counties. The closest neighbors were Jerome Dumas, also a French Huguenot, and John Shelton whose daughter m. Patrick Henry. {In the Skelton family there is an Isaac Skelton m. Annis Depriest, daughter of Randolph Depriest m. Mary Mims.}

Note: Chapter IV "How Huguenots Fared in Virginia" in Huguenot Refugees in the Settling of Colonial America, lists "De Priest, Robert: France, Hanover Co., Va. (1723); d. 1785; Hanover Co., VA," which is properly a reference to the emigrant Robert Depresse's son Robert Depriest, not the original emigrant. No

abandoned Manakin Native Indian village, on the south side of the James River above the fall line in present-day Powhatan Co., outside of present-day Richmond, but in a fuller sense included land on the north side of the James including pre and post Manakin Town emigrants) in **The Huguenot** 50th Anniversary issue, 1971-1973.

b 25 Sep 1689, New Kent Co., VA (1688 was the Glorious or Bloodless Revolution in England, and 1689 was the year Protestants William of Orange and Mary, sister of Charles II and James II, assumed the British throne and ruled as William and Mary)

bap 24 Oct 1689, St Peter's Parish, New Kent Co., Va.

d. 02 Mar 1738 Goochland Co., VA

estate not settled until minor children came of age: Goochland Co., VA, 1738/1749

children by Mary (widow by 1711):

Mary

bap. 09 Nov 1690, New Kent Co., VA; St. James Parish
alive, Goochland Co., VA 20 Jun 1768 – with Wm Miller proved Will of Wm Harding

Sarah

bap 04 Sep 1698, New Kent Co., VA; St. James Parish
alive 24 Jun 1751 Goochland Co., VA—witness of Will of Chas. Toney

Elizabeth

bap 19 July 1702 New Kent Co., VA; St. James Parish
d. 27 Sep 1789 at 87 years of age

John

b. ca. 1697, New Kent Co., Va.
d. after 1750, Hanover Co., Va.

See **William and Mary College Quarterly**, Vol. XXII, Richmond, VA, 1914, pp. 173-174: 17 May 1785: "Robt. Robertson to Jno. Richardson both of Hanover for 300a. (Robt's Homestead) the land where on said Jno. Richardson now lives, being the same land left said Robt Richardson by his grandfather {Robert, "Robin"} Robt Depriest decd on the creek & Peter Johnson's."

children (three girls; hence, Robert (2nd gen.) Depriest's land, including "Westonville," was inherited by the Richardson family

First dau of "Robin": Elizabeth (Bettie)

b. 1741

m. William Johnson, 1759

Second daughter of "Robin": Martha

b. 1743

m. John Richardson 1760

John Richardson was the Private Secretary to Royal Governor Nelson (Rev. Robert Douglas Roller's **Richardson-DePriest Family**)

d.1829

Note: A Depriest-Dolley Madison Connection

The parents of **Dolley Madison**, John Payne and Mary Coles Payne who was a cousin of Patrick Henry's, lived for several years at "Scotchtown," Patrick Henry's home from 1771 to 1777, near Ashland in Hanover Co., VA. (Robert Bolling Lancaster's **A Sketch of the Early History of Hanover Co., VA**)

When **Dolley Madison** was a young child, she lived until she was four at "Westonville" with Martha DePriest Richardson (above), an old friend and schoolmate of Dolley mother, while Dolley's mother was ill. Dolley Madison worshipped at St. Martin's Parish in Hanover Co., VA. (**Richardson-DePriest Family**).

Horse Creek. In 1756, **Louisa Co. Deed Books** record that Robert Depriest of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover Co., Va. and Susanna his wife, sold land to David Hudson of Fredericksville Parish (Louisa Co., Va.) on the lower side of Owen's Creek.

Note: St. Martin's Parish extended from the confluence of the North Anna River and the South Anna River westward between the two rivers and below the South Anna west of Stone Horse Creek.

Note: Stone Horse Creek runs southward from the South Anna River towards the Hanover Co. line where it meets the dividing line between Henrico and Goochland. But Stone Horse Creek is in St. Martin's Parish and not in Louisa County. Stone Horse Creek is off the South Anna River, just west of where Rte. 33 (Staples Mill Road) and runs northeast from Richmond to Louisa Co., Va. and crosses the South Anna River. (Pat King's note)

Note: Stone Horse Creek property would have been in Hanover, as Robert is listed as being of St. Martin's Parish, Hanover Co., VA.

Third dau: Mary

b. 1745

m. David Hudson of Louisa Co., Va.

Generation 2

- (2) **William (Guillaume) Depriest, land owner in Hanover and Goochland Co., VA and considered part of the larger Manakin Huguenot community.**

In 1734, about the same time as nearby "King's Highway" from Boston to Charleston, SC became part of an ever-increasing network of roads and high-ways (roads on high ground above low water) were emerging in the colonies

Note: There is some evidence that John and Judith DePriest Hodges moved to Pittsylvania Co. in the 1760s

Note: A bond recorded in Goochland Co., Va. 19 April 1755 between Randolph Depriest and William Depriest...states that William Depriest died in 1738...and that Robert Depriest and John Depriest, infants, being under the age of 21, shall have the remainder {of the estate}. **Goochland Co., Va. Deed Book 7, p. 13.** Hence, William was a man with a young family when he died.

Note: Tithe Lists required the listing of men at age 16; the estate had to wait until the boy's reached a certain age to be finally probated? In 1746 Randolph was listed with Judith in Goochland Co., St. James Northam Parish. In 1749 John and Robert Depriest {born after their father's death?/some researchers think perhaps they were twins?} are listed in Northam Parish without Judith (wards of the parish?). Judith was listed as Judith Depriest in 1748. The last accounting for the estate was 15 Aug 1749. Hence, Randolph b. 1730 or earlier, John and Robert both in ca. 1733/1738?

14 Aug 1749 due the children of Wm Depriest to Judith Depriest:
Memorandum: I charge nothing for clothing and bringing up seven children

m. **Judith** (Speculations include Austin? Randolph? Bolling?) ca. 1717 under the term of Lieutenant Gov. Spotswood (Judith's second husband was John Hodges)
b. ca. 1705, Pittsylvania Co, VA?
m. #2 John Hodges

Note on Judith: That William named his first son Randolph suggests that either his mother, Elizabeth, or his wife, Judith, may have been a Randolph. That Goochland Co., Va. was adjacent to

Several researchers are looking into these lines.
Patricia King writes: The Rolfe-Bolling-Judith connection appears on **One World Family Tree at ancestry.com**

Children:

August 14, 1749 lists an accounting of the estate of William DePriest which refers to "bringing up seven children" See **Notes and Knots**, Vol. 1, Issue 3 (Summer, 1994), p. 3

Unknown Infant

b. ca. 1728

Randolph (a child named Randolph suggests that William's mother or wife may have been a Randolph?)

b. ca. 1728 (before 1730), Hanover Co., VA

m. Mary Mims, 6 Jun 1751, St. James, Northam Parish, VA,
Goochland Co.

d. Dec 17, 1800

Note: Randolph and Mary Mims Depriest's son **Robert was a drummer boy in the American Revolution**. Legend says directly under Gen. George Washington?

Certificate L01560. See **Virginia County Records**, Vol. III, 1909, by Crozier, p. 34 (Virginia Revolutionary Soldiers): Robert Depriest, drummer, State Line, three years service.

b. 5 Nov 1763

bap 1764 in Goochland Co., VA

m. Martha ("Patcey") Taylor Montgomery Co., VA (later Wythe Co., VA 24 May 1788

d. at home of Mary Bingham, daughter Harlan Co., KY 6 Aug 1839

The Alamo. His brother George (“Cinco”; m. Frances Menefee) V’s son, **William DePriest Sutherland** (b. 10 Aug 1818 in AL; d. 6 Mar 1836) stayed in Alabama with his uncle while attending LaGrange College in Tuscumbia when his parents left for Texas in 1830. William was in Texas by 1835 and was at 7.17.1835 meeting at the Navidad and La Vaca Rivers calling for a consultation of Texas communities. He joined the garrison at Bexar on 1.18.1836, Private (rifleman), serving possibly with a group under Capt. Patton. At age 17, d 6 Mar 1836 a defender at **The Battle of the Alamo**. See **The Doctor and the Defender on The Alamo website**. **William DePriest Sutherland is listed on the Defenders plaque in The Alamo.** {Note: Elizabeth Sutherland Carpenter was press secretary for Lady Bird Johnson.} See also Lila Whisnant’s website **Journeysthrutime**

Naomi

b. ca. 1734 in Hanover Co., Va.

d. after 24 Jan 1791, at approx age of 61

m. John Salmon 6 Jun 1759

b. 1735

d. 24 Jan 1791 in Bedford Co., VA

Robert (Two conjectures: that Robert and John may have been twins and may have been born after their father’s death?)

b. ca. 1736 (under 21 in 1755) in Goochland Co., Va.

d. 1787, Fluvanna Co., Va.

m. Martha “Patsy” Bailey, 15 Oct 1766

John (3) (Two conjectures: that John and Robert were twins and may have been born after their father’s death?)

b. ca. 1733-1736 (under 21 in 1755) in Goochland Co., Va., about the same time Patrick Henry was born (1736) in Hanover Co., VA

d. 17 Aug 1799; Will filed 14 Oct 1799, Campbell Co., Va. (the Whisnant records show d. 13 Jan 1800 at 61 years of age), the same year both Patrick Henry and George Washington died.

Goochland Deed Book, p. 368 12 Jan 1732 / 16 Jan 1732 George Southerland to Wm. Spurlock... Witness: George Southerland, Judeth Southerland

b. ca. 1717 ?

m. George Sutherland II before 1732(?)

Would it not also be likely that John would name a dau after his mother?

Researcher John DePriest (author of **Dinner at the DePriest's** and see above on Pocahontas, Rolfe, Bolling) lists the following children of William (Gen 2) and Judith: Jane, Alice, Randolph, Mary, Robert, William, Naomi, John Bunyon

Generation 3

(3) John (Bunyon?) Depriest, Revolutionary War Patriot and prosperous Piedmont land owner (and possible ordinary or tavern keeper?)

See **Virginia Soldiers of 1776**, Vol. III. Compiled by Louis A. Burgess, p 1074: John Depriest: Archives Dept. State Library. B.W.; War 4, 161; war 5, 57

John was a prosperous land owner in central Virginia (and Tennessee?)

Numerous citations of land transactions, deeds, wills, military service, and ordinances in 18th-century court records of Amherst and Campbell Counties

He was in Albemarle Co., VA until Sep 1758; in Amherst Co., VA from Aug 1763-Jun 1781; in Campbell Co., VA from 1785 until his death in 1799.

Researcher Mary F. Boxley postulates that John was buried in Waugh Cemetery, off Rte 130 near Naola in Amherst Co.?

He was a member of Albemarle Militia (he may have provided equipment and funds?) According to research Pat King, John purchased land confiscated from Tories in Amherst Co. He may have operated or owned an Ordinary (Tavern)?

This same 89 acres on Pounder Branch was sold in 1765 by John Depriest, Amherst Co., to James Hulsey, Amherst Co.

John and his wife Elizabeth bought 200A on Rucker's Run 3 Aug 1767, Amherst Co., VA

On 19 Oct 1780, John Depriest was granted 400 acres on both sides of the South Fork of Ruckers Run. On 14 May 1783 Jno Depriest and wife Elizabeth, Amherst Co., sold to William Powell 400 acres both sides Ruckers Run. This land was confiscated from British subject Walter King and sold by the Escheator to Depriest under two acts of assembly.

Note: Rucker's Run is south in Amherst Co., Va. just north of Lynchburg, VA on the James River.

17 Mar 1767 John patented 265 A. on Head of N. Ford of Nassau Creek called Indian Cove in Amherst Co., VA

A pamphlet on the History of Amherst Co., VA states that "The Priest" mountain in Nelson/Amherst is named for John and Langsdon Depriest for their service in the French and Indian War with George Washington.

Note: The tax list entry for John Depriest in 1783 Amherst Co. States he had 11 whites in his household and 6 blacks.

Further research is needed to clarify descendants of John (Bunyon) and Elizabeth Rice Depriest. Heads of Families, 1783 for Amherst County lists John Depriest as having 11 Whites and 6 Blacks in his household. **Heads of Families, 1785 for Amherst County** lists John Depriest as having 13 whites in his household. Researchers list as few as seven and as many as 18; hence, the following categories:

Virginia Wills Before 1799:

Depriest, John Campbell Co., VA Will filed 14 Oct 1799

s. Nathaniel Depriest, s. Charles Depriest, s. Samuel Depriest, s. Austin Depriest, d. Molly Depriest. Did Wm. M. Clemens, the author, assume Charles was Charles Bunyon? Did he assume since relations were not listed for the other names in the will that they were not Depriests? or not descendants of John Depriest (3)?

Campbell Co., VA Order Book 7, p. 164, August Court, 1802:

“John Dabbs vs Depriest heirs et al. It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that James Patillo, Nathan DePriest, ____ Thorp and Lucy his wife, formerly Lucy DePriest. Charles Thorp & Elizabeth Thorp his wife, late Elizabeth DePriest, Bunyon DePriest, Samuel DePriest, Austin DePriest & Patty Depriest heirs of John DePriest...”

See Notes and Knots, Vol.3, Issue 2 (Summer, 1998), p3 for further information those listed in John, Sr.’s will.

Christina?

See **Notes and Knots**, Vol. 1, Issue 3 (Fall, 1996), p. 5: “John and Sarah Turpin Depriest’s children...(child #6) Christiana b. 1800-1810 d. before 1850; m.16 Apr 1818 Daniel Perrow....”

“Daniel B. Perrow (in reference to Deed 14 May 1821) claim in right of his wife Christina who was the dau of the late John Depriest. . . .” See **Notes and Knots**, Vol. 4, Issue 3 (Fall, 1998), p. 8.

Notes (from Patricia King and Lela Whisnant) on multiple John Depriests of 18th cent. Va.:

There are at least four John Depriests in 18th cent Va:

First: John Depriest (3) below, son of William (2); he married Elizabeth Rice in 1759 in Goochland Co.

Second: John Depriest the son of William who m. Ann and d. in 1784; their son John was just old enough to be listed in the 1784 census as being 16 years old. This John m. Ruth Campbell in 1791 and moved west (TN or KY?) See **Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst Co., VA 1763-1800**, Baltimore, 1991 (reprint), p.25: “Depriest, John, bachelor, and Ruth Campbell, spinster, 19 Sep 1791...”

Third: John Depriest, b. ca. 1765, son of William Depriest and Lucy Frayser Depriest, m. Sarah Turpin (daughter of Luzby and Sarah Redford Turpin), Henrico Co., in 1782 and d. in Campbell Co. in 1816; will probated 1817. John and Sarah Turpin Depriest had a son named John Depriest, Jr. who m. Frances Perrow 28 Jul

Note: Depriest researcher Helen Young Bishop writes, "Jane DePriest may not have been a daughter of John DePriest and Elizabeth Rice...but since she was married in Goochland Co. 1791 – I doubt it...."

Elizabeth (nickname: Betsey) ?

b. ca. 1773, Culpepper Co., Va.

m. Charles Tharp/Thorpe, 9 Dec 1796, Charlotte Co., son of Charles and Judith Tharp/Thorpe; in Washington Co., Ky. 1808

See also Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst Co., VA, Baltimore, 1991 (reprint), p. 13: "Bryant, William and Elizabeth Depriest, 17 Jul 1792...Consent of her mother Amy Depriest. William Eads made oath that Elizabeth Depriest was over 21 years of age."

Sometimes cited but unlikely:

Polly?,

m. Thomas Phillips, Washington Co., KY 15 Dec 1803, Washington Co., KY See **Kentucky Marriages 1801 to 1825** by Liahona Research, Heritage Quest, Bountiful, Utah, 1999

Campbell Co., VA, Deed Book 22, p. 474, May 1808:

"Thomas Phillips and Polley his wife, (formerly Polly DePriest)...."

See **Notes and Knots**, Vol. 1, Issue 4 (Winter 1997), p.7:

Wythe Co., VA: Polly Depriest to Michael Creager 8 Sep 1812:

"Polly Depriest, an illegitimate child, upwards of 14, chose Michael Creager her guardian for purposes of obtaining a marriage license."

From **NSDAR National #323243** Revolutionary soldier John Depriest and wife Ruth Campbell, Parents of Polly (Mary) Depriest, m. James Stovall 5 Mar 1816 See Marriage records of Amherst Co., VA 1763-1800, p.25

Who is James Patillo?

Other Patceys include:

Patcey, a possible daughter of Reuben or Robert Depriest?

m. John Nalle of Nelson Co., Ky, 24 Oct 1805 Washington Co., KY See **Kentucky Marriages 1801-1825** by Liahona Research, Heritage Quest, Bountiful, Utah, 1999

Campbell Co., VA, Deed Book 22, p. 474, May 1808:

“John Nalle and Patcey his wife (formerly Patcey DePriest)....”

Patcey m. Robert Depriest, who makes a declaration in Harden, KY in 1853/54 that her husband Robert Depriest (d. 30 Jul 1856) was eligible for a Revolutionary War Pension #R.2.986. See document filed by Patcey's daughter Mary Bingham 6 Feb 1857 who amended her mother's petition in **Notes and Knots**, Vol. II, No.2 (Summer 1995), p. 16

Not listed in Will, but given land by John Depriest:

Sarah (not listed in 1799 Will but John and Elizabeth Depriest deeded Sarah and Stephen Sanders Johns several hundred acres 6 Jun 1759, Campbell Co., Va.)

b. 10 Jun 1770

m. Stephen Sanders Johns, 7 Nov 1791 (who is a witness to Will of 1799)

Campbell Co., Va. 1791 marriage bond: “my dau. Sarah”

-- by consent of John Depriest

b. 1769, son of Jesse Johns

d. ca. 1805

Major Depriest researcher and webmaster Kathy Waggerman lists Sarah DePriest, dau of John and Elizabeth Rice DePriest in **Notes and Knots**, Vol. 4, Issue 4 (Winter, 1999), p.8

Other researchers conjecture that Sarah may have been dau or William and Lucy Frayser Depriest?

Note: Late Depriest research Helen Young Bishop writes, “If Sarah, Luch, and Patcey are not daughters of John and Elizabeth DePriest, they are most likely nieces? Patcey may be a nickname for Martha.”

In 1778 Robert Depriest, age 70, appeared under oath. Said he enlisted for three years in 1778/79 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Capt. DeChomex (DeColmer?) and afterwards was attached to Capt. Johnson's Company in the Regiment commanded by Col. Marshall and afterwards to a Regiment of Col. Porterfield's and the Continental establishment. Continued service until 1781 when he was discharged from service in Campden, South Carolina by Capt. Johnson. Has no family.

Virginia Soldiers of 1776, Vol. III compiled by Louis A. Burgess, p. 1074: Robert Depriest, B.W.; R.C.; war4, 157

Listed after Reuben Depriest under the category of John Depriest
Almost no Depriest researchers include Robert among John, Sr.'s and Elizabeth children

Note: **Virginia Revolutionary War Land Grant Claims 1783-1850 (Rejected)**: "Charles Depriest in Campbell Co., VA on 14 May 1844 applies for the land for Serjeant Robert Depriest," p. 71 would indicate that Robert was a brother of Charles (and Reuben) and the son of John, Sr. and Elizabeth Depriest?

Named in will but may or may not be children:

Lucy mentioned in 1799 will but not by relationship
(possibly widow of a son of John's and Elizabeth's named William —see below—who had died earlier than 1799?)

In the 1799 Will: Lucy is left a cow and a calf, a feather bed and furniture.

b. 1773, Campbell Co., Va.

Washington County Kentucky Bicentennial History: "Lucy DePriest, born 1773 Virginia, daughter of John DePriest...Her brother Austin also came to Washington County." This secondary source would indicate that Lucy was indeed the daughter of John Depriest of Campbell Co., VA.

Note: this same source erroneously states that Austin died in New Orleans in the War of 1812; he did die in the War of 1812, but in New York where he is also buried in Erie County.

m. James Tharp, 27 Oct. 1800 in Campbell Co., VA.

Washington Co., KY Marriages lists John Nalle and Patsy Depriest (no one is listed as parent or guardian) m. 23 Oct 1805. For further Notes on Austin, see "Lucy" below, and for note on nuncupative will, see Note below under "Patcey"

Named but not by relationship and left land in 1799 will:

John, Jr. (John Bunyan? called "Bunyan" since his father was known as John?) – not listed as a son, but left property in the will--an inheritance or an item of unfinished business?

In 1812 John, Jr. along with Robert White deeded forever two acres of land for Whites Methodist Episcopal Church which is still active today in Campbell Co., VA as Whites United Methodist Church. The location of the church was originally noted "below spring, at the head of Turkey Creek."

b. ca. 1765-67 (Henrico Co, VA?)

m. Sarah Turpin of Henrico Co, VA, 1782

The couple had a son named Turpin Depriest

b. 1816 Will dated 19 June 1817 (Campbell Co. Will Book, 4, pp. 15-16)

(Most Depriest researchers list John, Jr. as a son of John Sr. and Elizabeth Rice Depriest. Some conjecture that the Bunyon named as a son in the 1799 will is one and the same with John (Bunyon), Jr., assuming that John, Jr. is called "Bunyon" to differentiate him from his father John (Bunyon) Sr. who is called "John"?)

Others, conjecture, however, that "Jr." may also be used to denote "the younger" in order to differentiate two John's living in proximity to each other rather than to designate a blood or son relationship? That a last name is not given in the 1799 will for John, Jr. (or Lucy or Patcey) indicates, though, that they are all "Depriests" if not in this direct line?

Another conjecture is that the John, Jr. listed in the will is actually the son of William and Lucy Frayser Depriest who m. Sarah

b. 1779

d. after 1860

Numerous Foster citations in 19th-century land, court, and census records of Prince Edward Co., VA

children listed in **1792 Family Bible** belonging to Nathan DePriest which may have belonged to John DePriest (3) (given by Nathaniel (Nathan) DePriest(4) to Charles Austin DePriest(5) to John Flynn DuPriest(6) to his daughter Ellen DuPriest Braswell(7) to her great nephew John Franklin DuPriest(9) to his cousin Travis Talmadge Du Priest, Jr(9)

Leveana

b. 25 Sep 1800, Nottoway Co., Va.

John Bunyan

b.25 May 1802, Nottoway Co., Va.

m. Matilda W. Price, 25 Feb 1824, Prince Edward Co., Va.

b. 1806

Lorena

b.18 May 1804, Nottoway Co., Va.

James Harvey (Henry)

b.1 Jan 1806, Nottoway Co., Va.

Jestonian

b. 3 Aug 1809, Nottoway Co., Va.

Drucella Jane

b.5 Jan 1810, Nottoway Co., Va.

m. William Flinn, 1834

Charles Austin (5)

b. 7 Dec 1813, Nottoway Co., Va.

Malachi, overseer

b.1 Sep 1817, Lunenburg Co., Va.

(Possibly written in a different hand, in 1792 Family Bible)
in Warren Co., NC 9 Jan 1840

Alexander Bunyan

b. 23 Aug 1848

d. Feb ?

Lucy Ann

b. 9 Jun 1850

Mary J. L.

b. 18 Jul 1852

William

b. 8 Sep 1854

Generation 6

(6) **John Flinn De Priest** (CSA: Co E 44th Batt Virginia Inf Pvt), Farmer, "**Cedar Grove,**" and later on the **Nottoway River, near Falls of Nottoway (River)**, Nottoway Co., Va.

(For an interesting description of Falls of Nottoway, see

Waterfalls of Virginia and West Virginia)

m. Susan Virginia Kirk, 11 Dec 1871

b. 1852 (father: Kirk; mother: Anne Lambert -- A

daguerreotype of Acey Lambert, Anne's brother, in his Civil War uniform given by Ellen DuPriest to Travis Talmadge Du Priest, Jr.

children

Joseph Walter

b. 8 Oct 1872

d. 18 May 1916

John Bunyan

b. 26 Feb 1875

d. 15 Mar 1953

George Edward

b. 24 Jul 1877

d. 23 Oct 1951

Willie Thad

b. 15 Jan 1881

d. 25 Dec 1962

Generation 7

(7) **Robert Frederick (Freddie) Du Priest**

m. Nannie Madame Firesheets, 19 Nov 1913

The Firesheets Family genealogy published by the late Professor Harmon Shell, New York City

b. 17 May 1889, Halifax, Va.

d. 23 Mar 1950, Nottoway Co., Va.

children

Travis Talmadge Sr. (8a)

Named for his mother's brother Talmadge Firesheets and the brother, Travis, of Cedar Grove/St. Mark's tutor.

b. 5 Dec 1914

d. 1 Dec 1974

Wake Forrest College, Richmond Business College

District Insurance Manager and Trainer, People's/ Monumental Insurance Co.

Superintendent of Sunday School and Deacon, Crewe Baptist Church (building constructed by Mildred Abbitt

Du Priest's grandfather C. A. Abbitt, contractor), though reared Methodist Episcopal which the Depriests' denomination since the 18th century

Frederick /Freddie Mae (8b)

b. 19 Sep 1916

d. ?

Housewife/mother/dried flower arrangement designer

Preston Moton (8c)

Moton also a Firesheets family name

b. 8 Jan 1919

d. 14 Jul 1977

Electrical Engineer

John Edward

b. 12 June 1926

d. 29 Nov 1926

(England); visiting scholar, Cambridge University (England).

Episcopal priest/professor/administrator

Robert Edgerton(9b)

Edgerton genealogy available

b. 16 April 1946

Chowan College, Randolph-Macon College.

Successful Hanover Co., VA Businessman and Civic Volunteer

Member, Hanover Men's Club, oldest such organization of its kind in America

(9a) **Travis Talmadge Du Priest, Jr.**

m. Mabel Ann Benson, 1 Sep 1972

b. 13 July 1945

Note: See **Benson (Benghtson)** Swedish

Family Tree prepared by Emma Benson Spokley

tracing the family to medieval Sweden

Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD); Ph.D.,

University of Kentucky. College professor and novelist.

Book, lecture, and show on Swedish emigrant family at the Swedish-American Museum Center of Chicago

children

Travis Edgerton (10a)

b. 28 Oct 1976

Drake University; M.A.T. graduate work at National – Lewis

University. Teacher, Chicago

Benson Hunter (10b)

Hunter genealogy available

University of Kentucky. Graduate Certificate, Northern Illinois

University. Assistant to the Director, Swedish-American Museum Center, Chicago

b. 19 April 1980

(9b) **Robert Edgerton Du Priest**

m. Barclay Farrar 26 Oct 1968

Nancy Lee(9c)

b. 3 Feb 1946

James Madison University, Teacher

(9c) Nancy Lee Johnson

m. Henry Culver Gignilliat, Jr. 19 Oct 1969

b. Sept 194?

Note: Prominent French Huguenot family, with portraits in
Williamsburg and Charleston, SC

Northwestern University, Scientist/researcher
children

Amy Catherine (10e)

b. 26 Sep 1972

Businesswoman, Woodbridge, VA

David Kirk (10f)

b. 3 Aug 1976

University of Virginia/ Writer and Journalist,
Savannah, GA

(8c) Preston Moton Du Priest

m. Virginia Greenwood Firesheets, 24 July 1943

b. 28 Aug 1921

Longwood University. Teacher

A well documented book on the Firesheets Family has been
compiled by Prof. Harmon Shell whose mother was a Firesheets

children

Susan Flynn (9d)

b. 21 Dec 1948

Longwood University/French
Garden Club of Virginia

Anne Preston (9e)

b. 12 Oct 1951

Longwood University?

b. 13 Dec 1953

Kimberly Epes(9h)

b. 12 Dec 1956

(9g) **David Kirk Jennings**

m. Karen Teresa Robertson, 23 May 1981

b. 17 Sep 1960

children

Courtney Layne (10k)

b. 27 Oct 1984

David Kirk (10 l)

b. 27 Mar 1986

(9h) **Kimberly Epes Jennings**

m. James Richard Downing, 1978(?)

b. May 1957

children

Kristin Epes (10m)

b. 2 Sep 1980

Jamie Page (10n)

b. 17 Sep 1982

Billie Shay (10o)

b. 29 Oct 1985

(10c) **Rand McLean Du Priest**

m. Melanie , June 1998

Wedding performed by The Rev. Raymond Edgerton Abbitt and
The Rev. Travis Talmadge Du Priest, great uncle and uncle of the
groom respectively

b. Philadelphia, PA

Randolph-Macon College and VCU

child

These three could be brothers, or Robert Depresse could be the son of Thomas, Nicholas, or Richard making him approximately 20 years old in 1680 & born in Virginia rather than France, England, or Holland

Researcher Helen Young Bishop hypothesizes that it is conceivable that Robert (1) depresse's son Robert (2) "Robin" Depriest who marries Susannah Sneed of Hanover and lived at "Westonville" could have been born in France (or England) before Robert (1) came to Virginia. It is unlikely, however, since he died in 1785 and would have to have been over 100 years of age.

At least one Depriest researcher, Vicki J. Flaharity, certified genealogist, writes "I strongly suspect that he (Robert) was not the emigrant. I believe the emigrant was here by c. 1625 coming over from France with his wife. His name was probably Randolph; her name unknown." Letter to Travis Du Priest

Note: There were a number of French immigrants who were brought over in the 1620s to attempt vineyards and wine manufacturing, settling near Jamestown near present-day Norfolk.

New theories emerge based on the spelling and pronunciation of the name; for example in the 1620s a Dutch sea captain arrived name DeVries, and the DeVries name appears later in Virginia history. In 1621 the Dutch West India Co. was founded, p. 19 and "traders in New Netherland supported Dutch settlements in Virginia to facilitate export," p. 18, in Virginia in Maps.

or

Robert Depress in Virginia by ca. 1687; cited in Register of St. Peter's

Parish, New Kent Co., Virginia, September, 1689

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